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Looking Back to the Future

Mike Pflaum, chief park ranger at Mount Rushmore National Monument, appears to be gazing into the future with Thomas Jefferson, whose image is carved on the monument behind Pflaum, during an inspection trip. As the National Park System marks the 125th anniversary of its birth, its leaders recall the vision, wisdom, and commitment that gave birth to 'one of the best ideas America ever had.' Pages 10-11. This issue also offers articles in the People, Around the Department, NPS News, and Viewpoint sections that focus on the creativity, dedication, and accomplishments of NPS workers as they draw strength from the past and support from their communities to face the challenges of preserving the nation's historic, natural, and cultural resources in the years ahead.



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